

Aintree Davenhill Primary School – Accelerated Reading Programme

From Year 3 children are moved onto the Accelerated Reading Programme (ACR). ACR gives teachers the information they need to monitor children's reading practice and make informed decisions to guide their future learning.

Children are moved onto ACR around Easter in Year 3. The aim of ACR is for children to have free choice of their reading books (both fiction and non-fiction) within their Zone of Proximal Development.

Before starting ACR (and at the start of each term), children complete an online assessment (Star Quiz) which involves them answering thirty questions relating to a passage or sentence that the children need to read and choose the correct word to insert into a gap in the sentence. The programme assesses the children as they are answering the questions suitable for their level of understanding and comprehension of the text.

Once this assessment is completed, a report is generated and the class teacher and TA read the report and a copy is sent home to parents. This report will contain information about the child's reading age and the Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD) that the children have achieved plus some other information. The ZPD is the level of books that the children can choose from within the ACR section of our school library.

Children are given a target of reading time each day, usually 20 minutes a day (10 minutes in school and 10 minutes at home). This home-reading can be to an adult or for older children it can be independent reading. We encourage an adult at home to still sign the Reading Record book to show they are aware of what their child has been reading at home.

Once children have read their books they let their teacher or TA know that they need to complete a quiz on that book. The online quiz is usually 10 comprehension-style questions relating to the book. Once completed, the children's score for the quiz will be shown on the screen. The children can also complete the quiz at home using the link: [Ukhosted4.renlearn.co.Uk/2243014](https://ukhosted4.renlearn.co.uk/2243014)

When the children have told the teacher their score, they can then choose a new book. Each book has points allocated to it and a running total of points for each child is kept by the programme. A certificate is awarded when a child reaches the points set.

Thank you for your continued support with home-reading – it will really make a difference to your child's progress.